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Opportunities To Give Back To District 9

January 21, 2013 marks Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which is a perfect opportunity for San Diegans to honor Dr. King's legacy through service by giving back to the community. The MLK Day of Service helps to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, and brings us together to become a stronger community.

Let's take this opportunity to give back to District 9 this month, and set the stage for 2013!

- **Little Saigon Foundation (LSF)** holds monthly cleanups along six blocks of El Cajon Boulevard to revitalize this gem of a Vietnamese business cluster. This month, LSF's activities include graffiti removal, storefront repainting, neighborhood and business corridor trash clean up and landscaping. Join LSF, the Talmadge Community Council and my office as we provide cleaner and safer neighborhoods. Contact Trang Bui at (619) 663-9137 for more information.
- **San Diego Canyonlands** promotes, protects and restores natural habitats in San Diego's canyons and creeks. Go online for a complete list of monthly canyon clean-ups: www.sdcanyonlands.org
- **The Friends of the College-Rolando Library** encourages volunteers to participate at their local library by helping out at book sales and getting the word out about library events. For more information, visit www.collegerolandolibrary.org, or attend their next meeting on March 27, 2013 at 4:30 pm.
- **Neighborhood watch programs** help residents take ownership of communities, establishing working partnerships with the SD Police Department to identify and report suspicious and criminal activity.
 - **City Heights On Patrol (CHOP)** meets every third Wednesday at 6:30pm at the Mid City Police Station, 4310 Landis Street.
 - **Talmadge Neighborhood Watch** group patrols their neighborhood and needs block captains. If you'd like to be involved and live in Talmadge, contact neighborhoodwatch@talmadge.org.
 - **El Cerrito Neighborhood Patrol** is looking for folks interested in participating and/or becoming block captains. Contact Patti Saraniero at ecpa-trol@gmail.com.
- **Mid-City Safe Passages** provides safe passage for students walking to and from school by preventing harassment, gang and criminal activity around school campuses, bus stops, and parks & recreation facilities before and after school. Contact the Program Manager Dr. Eugene Johnson Jr. at (619) 287-8182 to help as the eyes and ears of the community, keeping our kids safe.

Working together through community service, we can build strong ties and work towards cleaner and safer neighborhoods.

District 9 Communities

- Azalea Park
- Castle
- Cherokee Point
- Chollas Creek
- Colina Park
- College Area
- Corridor
- El Cerrito
- Fairmount Park
- Fairmount Village
- Fox Canyon
- Hollywood Park
- Islenair
- Kensington
- Mountain View
- Mt Hope
- Ridgeview
- Rolando
- Southcrest
- Swan Canyon
- Talmadge
- Teralta-East & West

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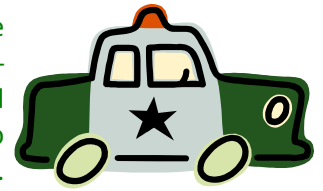
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Safety Speaks

CM Emerald is honored by the confidence and support of the Council President and her fellow Councilmembers in her re-appointment as Chair of the Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee (PS&NS) for 2013. She looks forward to continuing to provide safe neighborhoods in 2013.



This month's focus is on community participation in public safety. During the first few hours and days after any type of disaster strikes, emergency services can be overwhelmed. This can leave families, neighborhoods and businesses with little assistance. Fortunately, citizens can be proactive and provide solutions during times of need.

After the distressing Cedar Fire of October 2003, the City of San Diego sought new solutions to meet this essential need. The Fire-Rescue Department developed a new community based program called Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel train and empower citizens in safe, effective neighborhood CERT teams. CERT instructors teach citizens to take life-saving action to help communities make it through the first few hours or days when emergency services can be overwhelmed.

I encourage you to join a San Diego CERT team. To qualify, you must live within the city limits of San Diego or be employed by a company with a physical business address in the City of San Diego. For more information about CERT San Diego, please email Doug Nakama, Deputy Fire Chief, at dnakama@sandiego.gov or call (619) 980-0434.

The PS&NS Committee will meet on Wednesday January 16, 2013 at 2pm at City Hall. For public safety related concerns, please free to contact Committee Consultant Drew Ector at (619) 236-7038 or Dector@sandiego.gov.

Celebrating Community



<< The Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association held its Holiday Potluck and invited military personnel stationed in San Diego to celebrate the holidays. Marti thanked the brave service members and welcomed them to the neighborhood.

Marti spoke about the importance of keeping illegal firearms off the streets at the Fifth Annual Guns For Gifts Exchange, an event organized by the United African American Ministerial Action Council. >>



Ways To Get Involved



Councilmember Emerald encourages residents to take pride in their community by cleaning it up, and keeping it that way. You can participate in these monthly clean ups at Teralta Park, occurring the fourth Saturday every month. The next cleanup will be held January 26th from 8am to 11am. Please contact Jennifer Guerra at jguerra@cityheightscdc.org or (619) 584-1535 for more details.

CM Emerald recently visited the San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP) and members of the Southcrest community.



Community organizations like this unite neighbors empowering residents to voice their needs in the betterment of the community. For more details how to get involved with SDOP, contact Laura Schreiner, Community Organizer at (619) 846-4983 or laura@sdop.net.

Mission Statement

Empower constituents to improve their quality of life, economy, and neighborhoods through the effective use of a responsive, transparent, and trustworthy city government.

Our Goals

1. Provide Safe Neighborhoods
2. Empower People
3. Deliver Resources
4. Create Economic Opportunity
5. Promote Trust In Government

Local Business Aids Public Safety Efforts

Knowing that law enforcement plays an invaluable role in City Heights, Mr. Mark Kassab and family were inspired to ensure that SDPD had resources to enhance community relations, prevent crime and respond to calls for assistance. Mr. Kassab partnered with the SD Police Foundation to purchase two patrol bikes for officers in the Mid City Division.

"My number one priority for the public is ensuring safe neighborhoods for all San Diegans," says Councilmember Emerald. "I hope this collaboration encourages others to 'give back' to the community to make it a safer place for all."



January Community Events

**Monday,
January 21, 2013
is
Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day.**



"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'"

Celebrate Dr. King's legacy by becoming involved in your community, and being an empowered resident.

Saturday, January 12, 2013 – Tri-N-Harder-4-Kids Indoor Triathlon

STAR/PAL, in partnership with the San Diego Police Department, invites you to take part in this event to benefit STAR/PAL programs that promote youth safety, as well as the SDPOA Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. The event is an indoor triathlon that allows fellow law enforcement officers, public safety personnel and members of the community to compete. For more information, please contact STAR/PAL Officer Edwin Garrette: (619) 531-2668 or egarrette@pd.sandiego.gov.

Saturday, January 12, 2013 – Karen Organization New Year

Join the Karen Organization of San Diego at Crawford High School, located at 4191 Colts Way, to celebrate the Karen New Year! This event will highlight and honor the diverse and cultural communities of Burma with celebration, food and entertainment. More information, visit www.karensandiego.org or call (619) 582-0783.

Sunday, January 13, 2013 – Giao Mua Fundraising Dinner for Little Saigon District's Youth Center

The appetizing event will begin at 6 pm at the Lucky Star Restaurant, 3893 54th Street. It includes a tasty 8-course meal, lion dancing by Southern Sea, live performances, dancing, raffle tickets and more. For more information please call Trang at (408) 712-1944.

Thursday, January 24, 2013 — College Area Business District's Winter Business Mixer

Come celebrate the New Year at this business mixer at Bridges, the newest College Area restaurant located at 6390 El Cajon Blvd. The evening features the College Area 2012 Business Award winners, determined by community members. Admission is \$10 per person and includes food and drinks. Space is limited; purchase tickets in advance at: www.CollegeAreaBID.com.

Friday, January 25, 2013 – 7th Annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive

This friendly competition between Police and Fire departments strive to obtain the most donors and save lives. The event will be held at Cherokee Point Elementary School, 3735 38th Street. The American Red Cross is hosting the event and it will take place from 7am to 7pm. Sign up online at www.RedCrossBlood.org, with the sponsor code: Badge.

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